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#2 Boston Univ. vs. Union/Prince Edward Island (ex) - Sat. 9/30, Sun. 9/31 at BU

- Boston University, restocked with seven 2017 NHL Entry draft selections and picked by the league head coaches to capture the regular season title, welcomes Union to Agganis Arena to begin the 2017-18 season on Saturday night. It marks the first time in 96 seasons that BU has played a game in September. The Terries will also plan an exhibition contest Sunday evening.
- Last season, the Terriers took a share of the Hockey East regular season crown, eventually bowing out in the Hockey East Tournament semifinals to Boston College.

Boston College vs. New Brunswick (ex) - Sat. 9/30 at Warrior Arena

- The Eagles begin the defense of their 2017-18 regular season title Saturday in an exhibition contest at Warrior Arena in Brighton, Massachusetts.
- Boston College finished last season with a 21-15-4 overall record, the eighth consecutive year in which the Eagles have eclipsed the 20-win barrier. It is the third-longest such streak in NCAA hockey to only Denver (16) and North Dakota (14).

UMass Lowell vs. Acadia (ex) - Sat. 9/30 at UML

- The River Hawks, having won their second regular season and third tournament title in 2017-18, were picked to finish second in the regular season by the Hockey East head coaches. In their fifth straight trip to the Hockey East Tournament championship game, UMass Lowell downed Boston College, 4-3, to claim the Lamoriello Trophy.
- UML returns its third-highest point-getter from a year ago in senior **John Edwardh** (Calgary, Alta./19-20-39) as well as its highest-scoring defenseman **Mattias Goransson** (Slotsbron, Sweden/5-18-23) and starting goaltender **Tyler Wall** (Leamington, Ont.).

Northeastern vs. Prince Edward Island (ex) - Sat. 9/30 at NU

- Northeastern, coming off an 18-15-5 season that marked the fourth-straight year the Huskies achieved a .500 record or better, return two of the nation's top-10 scorers from a year ago in **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont./21-36-57) and **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass./26-26-52). Gaudette also lead the NCAA and set a school record with 16 power-play goals.
- The Huskies will boast at least two capable goaltenders this season with junior **Ryan Ruck** (Coto de Caza, Calif.) sitting fifth in school history with 38 wins will compete with rookie **Cayden Primeau** (Voorhees, N.J.), a 2017 Montreal Canadiens draft pick who helped Team USA win a goal medal at the 2016 World Junior A Challenge.

Massachusetts vs. Queen's (ex) - Sat. 9/30 at UMass

- Massachusetts welcomes in one of the most highly anticipated freshman classes in program history, boasting the two highest NHL draft picks to ever pull on a Minuteman sweater. Defenseman **Cale Makar** (Calgary, Alta.) was selected fourth overall to the Colorado Avalanche in 2017, while classmate and fellow blueliner **Mario Ferraro** (King City, Ont.) was taken in the second round, 49th overall, by the San Jose Sharks.

Maine vs. Acadia (ex) - Sun. 10/1 at Maine

- The Black Bears enter the 2017-18 season coming off an overall record of 11-21-4 from 2016-17. Maine was ranked tied with Massachusetts for a 10th place finish in the Hockey East Coaches' Preseason Poll.
- Maine last faced Acadia in an exhibition game prior to the 2010-11 preseason, a 5-1 Black Bears victory at Alford Arena.

New Hampshire vs. St. Francis Xavier (ex) - Sun. 10/1 at UNH

- New Hampshire enters this season coming off an overall record of 15-20-5 from last year.
- Two freshmen making their debut for the Wildcats this season, **Max Gildon** (Plano, Texas) and **Benton Maass** (Elk River, Minn.), were selected in the 2017 NHL Entry Draft. Gildon was taken by the Florida Panthers 66th overall in the third round while Maass went in the sixth round with the 182nd pick to the Washington Capitals.
- New Hampshire last faced St. Francis Xavier in an exhibition game in the 2015-16 preseason, earning a 6-4 victory.

Vermont vs. Waterloo (ex) - Sun. 9/31 at UVM

- Senior forward **Rob Darrar** (Monroe Township, N.J.) was named captain of the Catamounts for the 2017-18 season, coming off a year in which he recorded a career-high 13 points (6g, 7a) despite skating in just 20 games due to injury. Vermont also returns two of its top three point-getters from a season ago in sophomore **Ross Colton** (Robbinsville, N.J.) and junior **Brian Bowen** (Littleton, Mass.), who each racked up 27 points on 12 goals and 15 assists in 33 games played.
- The Catamounts were picked to finish sixth in the Hockey East Coaches' Preseason Poll, the highest projected finish for Vermont in six years. In 2016-17, Vermont wrapped the regular season in sixth place, the best regular season finish for the team since 2009.
- Twelve new players will make their debut for Vermont this season which include six forwards, four defensemen, and two goaltenders.

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday 9/30

SFX at UConn - 3:05pm (ex)
 NB vs. BC - 7pm (ex, Warrior Arena)
 Acadia at UML - 7pm (ex)
 Union at BU - 7:30pm
 PEI at NU - 7:30 (ex)
 Queen's at UMass - 8pm (ex)

Sunday 10/1

Acadia at Maine - 4pm (ex)
 SFX at UNH - 4pm (ex)
 Waterloo at UVM - 3pm (ex)
 PEI at BU - 5pm (ex)



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 9/25**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 510 (34)	0-0-0	1
2.	Boston University, 424	0-0-0	6
3.	Minnesota, 408	0-0-0	7
4.	Harvard, 351	0-0-0	3
5.	Providence, 348	0-0-0	15
6.	St. Cloud, 281	0-0-0	NR
7.	North Dakota, 276	0-0-0	9
8.	Notre Dame, 269	0-0-0	4
9.	UMass Lowell, 266	0-0-0	5
10.	Penn State, 206	0-0-0	8
11.	Wisconsin, 156	0-0-0	NR
	Minnesota Duluth, 156	0-0-0	2
13.	Quinnipiac, 103	0-0-0	NR
14.	Northeastern, 101	0-0-0	NR
15.	Minnesota State, 41	0-0-0	NR

Others receiving votes: Cornell, 37; Ohio State, 32; **Boston College, 30**; Clarkson, 22; Air Force, 22; Union, 14; Western Michigan, 12; Miami, 7; Michigan Tech, 4; Yale, 1.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 9/25**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 998 (48)	0-0-0	1
2.	Boston University, 837	0-0-0	6
3.	Minnesota, 822	0-0-0	7
4.	Harvard, 744 (1)	0-0-0	3
5.	UMass Lowell, 711	0-0-0	4
6.	Minnesota Duluth, 642 (1)	0-0-0	2
7.	North Dakota, 632	0-0-0	9
8.	Notre Dame, 611	0-0-0	5
9.	St. Cloud, 547	0-0-0	NR
10.	Penn State, 530	0-0-0	8
11.	Providence, 494	0-0-0	15
12.	Wisconsin, 414	0-0-0	17
13.	Boston College, 366	0-0-0	16
14.	Quinnipiac, 286	0-0-0	20
15.	Cornell, 279	0-0-0	13
16.	Union, 215	0-0-0	11
17.	Air Force, 203	0-0-0	12
18.	Minnesota State, 198	0-0-0	NR
19.	Ohio State, 180	0-0-0	14
20.	Northeastern, 172	0-0-0	NR
	Western Michigan, 172	0-0-0	10

Others receiving votes: **Vermont, 119**; Michigan Tech, 60; Bemidji State, 52; Clarkson, 45; Robert Morris, 39; Miami, 37; Michigan, 24; St. Lawrence, 18; Omaha, 17; Bowling Green, 16; Yale, 11; Ferris State, 5; Brown, 1; Canisius, 1; Dartmouth 1; **New Hampshire, 1.**



HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

**HOCKEY EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
Week _____ Player _____

**PRO AMBITIONS
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**
Week _____ Player _____

**HOCKEY EAST
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
Week _____ Player _____



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE MONTH
Month _____ Player _____

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH
Month _____ Player _____

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH
Month _____ Player _____

2017-18 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	UConn	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	UMass Lowell	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Merrimack	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)

